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Minutes 09/26/2007

MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

Members Present: Kerrie Fallon, Barbara Cutler, Barbara Jones, Kevin O'Brien,
Maureen St. Hilaire, Susan James, Lin Baker

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator
Laura Wiener, TAC Representative
Palo Marinelli, Pedestrian Advocate

Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2007:

Meeting minutes of August 15, 2007 were tabled until the October 2007 meeting.

Transportation Advisory Committee:

Laura Wiener the TAC representative to the Commission attended the meeting to hear concerns of the Commission. Laura said that she would attend future meetings as needed. When asked about the Mass. Ave. Corridor Project Laura said that the Town is waiting for the contract for this project to be approved by Mass. Highway, after this occurs Laura said that there would be a series of public meetings to discuss this project.

Barbara Jones asked if a more visible crosswalk will be constructed in Downing Square were six streets merge. Paolo Marinelli asked about the overdue Wollaston Ave. Park Ave. intersection redesign. Laura said she would discuss these concerns with the TAC.

Barbara Cutler asked if the TAC has discussed curb cut ramp work within the Town. Laura said that the TAC usually only is involved in issues given to the TAC by the Selectmen. Laura was not aware of any discussion pertaining to curb cut ramps.

Barbara said that

The TAC should be able to advise on concerns of residents in addition to requests from the Selectmen.

Palo Marinelli asked if the Town has any plans to place a thermo plastic application with the international design over the bricks in the eight crosswalks located in Arlington Heights. Paolo also asked if a thermo plastic application would be used on the Mill Street crosswalk were the Town had removed bricks. Paolo said that a thermo plastic application with the international design would be a better application on this crosswalk. When Paolo asked if the TAC has taken a position on the bike path Laura answered that at this point the TAC has taken no position.

Minuteman Trail:

Barbara Cutler requested that the Commission Minutes state that three members of the Commission attended the Selectmen's

hearing on the Minuteman Trail. The members were Barbara Jones, Kerrie Fallon, and herself.

Barbara Jones said that in the future the Commission Chairperson or the Chairperson designee should speak on behalf of the Commission and not the Town's ADA Coordinator. Barbara said that a letter in this regard should be sent from the Chairperson to the Selectmen.

Barbara Jones made a motion that the Committee votes in support of clearing the Minuteman Trail. SO VOTED

Community Access Training:

Jack Jones said that 52 people participated in the training, which included Heidi Hample and Barbara Jones, from the Commission. Jack Jones said that Brian Sullivan, Town Manager, opened the first session of the training with welcoming remarks. Jack Jones provided a registration list of all participants.

Town Day Newsletter:

Jack Jones recognized Barbara Cutler for her efforts and the excellent job that she did in preparing the newsletter.

Curb Cut Ramp Project:

Jack Jones said that a contract would be signed during the first week of October for this project. Jack said that there would be 22 curb cut ramps installed this fall with additional curb cuts installed next spring.

Barbara Jones asked if any funds were requested for curb cut ramp work from the Capital Budget. Kevin said that he would speak to John Bean, director of Public Works about including this project into the Capital Budget.

Barbara Jones requested that the Commission send a letter of thank-you to John Bean, and Annie LaCourt in appreciation of their attending the June Commission Meeting. Also Barbara requested that a thank-you letter be sent recognizing Patsy Kramer for her assistance at the Community Access Monitor Training.

Accessible Pedestrian Signals:

Kevin O'Brien said that he monitored the volume level of the APS at Park Ave and Summer St. in the late evening and found that the volume of the APS could be heard at approximately 50 ft. to 60 ft. from the pole. Kevin also said that during other visits to this location during the day he has found the APS volume to be below the minimum level required for APS.

Other Business:

The Commission requested that Police Chief, Fred Ryan, be invited the October Meeting to discuss Community Safety Issues that affect the disabled.

Kerrie Fallon requested that the next agenda include commission membership, a discussion about sub committee's and emergency service planning.

Legislative Update:

Barbara Cutler said that a State House Bill regarding adversives has been tabled until January 2008.

Kerrie Fallon said that a new regulation now exists that requires support for individuals with psychiatric disorders in emergency rooms. Prior to this requirement a patient known to have a psychiatric disorder would need approval prior to any procedures being performed, which would result in needless treatment delays.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

